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AROUND ALLEN COUNTY

News of General Interest About Crops, People and County Progress

Elsmore Enterprise: The Katy steel gang came here Tuesday from Moran, and have been here since. There are something over one hundred of them and they make pretty lively times in town. The work hands are all colored. * * J. A. Nicholson has shipped fifty-six car loads of broom-corn this season to date; fifty-two from Elsmore, three from the 'burg and one from Chanute.

LaHarpe News: The drillers are down about 600 feet in the city gas well and passed through an abundance of sheet salt water at a depth of near 250 feet. The drillers are having splendid luck and will probably finish before the usual ten days time required to go to the gas sand.

Savonburg Record: The school board met one night this week and chose the teachers for the fall and winter term of school. Mr. Moore, of Bronson, was selected as principal at a salary of \$55 per month. Miss Grace Woods, of Elsmore, will have charge of the primary department and will receive \$35 per month for her services. It is believed that the board made good selections, both teachers hold good certificates and are experienced instructors.

Humboldt Union: James Campbell informed us the first of the week that he had been all over his corn fields and believed he would have as good if not better corn than he had last year. His yield last year was 65 bushels per acre. There are a whole lot more of the bottom farmers who say their crop is all right and will make a good yield, and some of the upland farms will give a good yield of late corn.

Humboldt Herald: The last well drilled by the brick plant produced a very small flow of gas instead of the gusher so earnestly desired.

Moran Herald: The new church project, which the Methodist church people had well under way before the drought set in, has been given up for the present year. All the money for the rebuilding of the church had been provided for but about \$500. * * The rural free delivery has O. K'd, this route from Moran, Harry Doty, carrier. The revised route starts at Moran and goes 1 mile north, 2 miles west, 2 miles north, 2 miles west, 1 mile north, 1 mile east, 1 mile north, 1 mile east, 1 mile north, 1 mile west, 1 mile north, 2 miles east, 3 miles south, 3 miles east, 2 miles south, 2 miles west, 1 mile south, making a circuit of 25 miles and serving 112 families.

Humboldt: Has elected school teachers as follows: J. E. Cook, superintendent; J. L. Shellman, high school; Carrie Noble, grammar department; Nettie Chambers, sixth grade; Bea Clark, fifth grade; Ella Travis, fourth grade; Emma Henrichs, third grade; Hattie O'Brien, second grade; Nettie Chambers, first grade.

Elsmore Enterprise: Too many farmers are almost panic stricken. As an instance, one of our best farmers had a fat cow and heifer for sale and offered them for two cents per pound, trying to get different stock shippers to buy them, but they also seemed to be afraid to make him an offer on the animals. Finally a couple of men from Elsmore happened out his way and bought the animals at two cents per pound. No sooner were they brought to Elsmore than one of the local shippers concluded the cow was a good thing and bought her at three cents, shipped her to Kansas City and got \$3.50 per cwt. for her. The heifer was sold to the local butcher at \$2.50 per cwt. The moral is, don't lose your nerve. Good stock is not a "drug on the market" and is not going to be.

Chanute is Quarrelsome.

It keeps the Chanute papers busy telling the exciting details of how the city council or the school board meets and chews the rag and all but comes to blows. When the council meets the papers give it the belt for doing taller cussing than ever heard, and then comes the school board and breaks the record again.

Monday night the school board carried off the plum. The cause of dissension was the letting of the contract for plans for the new school buildings. It seems five bids were received, two from Chanute and one each from Parsons, Topeka and Iola architects. The Topeka man made the lowest bid, but he wanted to superintend construction and that Chanute intends a Chanute man shall do. The bids were opened and for some reason letters were written several architects, including the Iola man,

not betraying any secrets but really resulting in changed bids. So the Chanute architects felt aggrieved and their friends on the board arose and smote at will. A lovely row ensued but the contract was given to Mr. Nave, the Iola architect.

LaHarpe Men Enjoin Sheriff.

The REGISTER has told of the suit of the Ft. Scott bank to attach certain LaHarpe property on an old judgment secured against J. D. Hill. The first counter move occurred today when C. J. Hawley, through his attorneys, Thompson & Thompson, asked for a restraining order to prevent the sheriff advertising and selling lots 5 and 6 in block 11 in LaHarpe. These were among the lots the bank attached, but the probate judge has granted the restraining order stopping the sale until Judge Stillwell passes on the merits of the case.

Mr. Hawley exhibits three deeds. One is from his father, Milton Hawley, one from L. E. Henderson who secured them on tax deed, and one from J. B. Carver who bought them from J. D. Hill. He says his deed ante-dates the judgment the bank holds against Hill. This will be a test case or other similar suits will be brought.

The sheriff had advertised to hold the sale on Monday, September 15, at 1 o'clock.

School Board Matters.

The city board of education met in regular session Monday night and several matters of considerable interest came up.

Miss Alice Hendricks and Miss Emma Powell were elected to positions in the grades.

The board agreed on a levy of 15 mills for general and 5 mills for bond purposes. This is but one mill higher than the levy last year.

It was decided to open the High School on September 9 and conduct a nine months' term. The grades will open September 23rd and an eight months' term be held.

It was decided to charge a tuition fee of \$1.50 per month in advance to all non-resident pupils attending the high school.

The school census proved of interest. It was found that there are 2,212 children of school age in the city, a gain over last year of 310 when the census showed 1902. Of this year's total 122 are colored, an increase over last year of fifty per cent.

Iola Man Will Draw Plans.

The REGISTER recently told of the visit of members of the Chanute school board to this city to view our school buildings. The visitors expressed themselves in words of high praise for the Iola buildings and the result is that now that Chanute has decided to erect new buildings the board has let the contract to J. H. Nave, of this city, for plans for the two new ward buildings to be built and for additions to two other buildings. It is a neat compliment and vote of confidence in the Iola man's ability that his friend's will appreciate.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS

Dr. Garlinghouse went to Garden City on business.

Josh Butler went to Kansas City Tuesday, and that's no joke.

License to wed issued Tuesday to James T. Culler and Fannie Turley, both of Colony.

Sheriff Hobart took Harvey Beach, a young boy, to the reform school at Topeka last Tuesday.

People who are fond of "raising Cain" will be pleased to know that a certain local hardware company is advertising seed of that kind.

Iris, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Valley, of 805 south Chestnut street, died Sunday evening at 5 o'clock from stomach trouble and the funeral was held from the residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday.

A copy of the Frankfort, Kansas. Review tells of the resignation from the public schools of Prof. Hull who will accept the principalship of the Sabetha schools. The Review says his work was most satisfactory and his departure is regretted. Prof. Hull had charge of the Iola schools some time ago and his friends will be glad to know of his success.

The Iola REGISTER, which claims to be "a truthful mirror of Iola," must have had a corner knocked out Wednesday. It failed to mention one of the most important items of news, the C. E. convention—Humboldt Herald.

The Daily REGISTER was the only paper in Iola that announced the convening of the convention the day of the first session. The REGISTER's repertorial force is limited and knowing it could not have its one reporter on the street, at the trains and at the convention at the same time—the reporter unfortunately not being triplex—this paper asked to have some delegate appointed to furnish a report of the proceedings. This was gladly promised and forgotten by the convention. The hardest item on earth to get is a good report of a religious gathering, interesting and short. Criminal items come easy. Hence papers are often scolded for neglecting the good to advertise the bad. The REGISTER always has and always will be anxious to print reports of religious doings when not sent in the form of a two column article.

COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

County and Court House Levy Considered—Other Business Came up Later

The county commissioners met at the court house Monday morning but did not convene for business until 1 o'clock. The business was the levying of the county tax for this year and the levying of the court house tax.

Before adjourning Monday the county commissioners made the first year tax levy for the new court house of two and a half mills on the dollar. They did this after fully considering the proposition in all lights, reading the law and discussing the comparative hardship which the agricultural community is experiencing this year. The law compelled some levy to be made and the board finally decided to carry out the original plans.

Only by making the full levy at this time could delay in completing the new court house be prevented. The present valuation for taxable purposes of the county is \$5,597,081. A levy of 21 mills will raise for one year \$13,902,709 for the fund and it was estimated that three years would complete the sum, or \$41,778,10 to which is to be added the proceeds of the sale of the present court house and site. It was figured in this estimate that the county's valuation would increase each year and it will. With the new railroads building, the new factories and improvements and increase in real estate the levy of 21 mills will raise more money, but it seems doubtful, unless arrangements can be made with some good fairy contractor, that with a less levy than 21 mills this year the court house could be finished in the time expected.

The levy for county road purposes was also made, three mills on the dollar. This is a trifle larger than usual but it is argued that the farmer works out his tax and the non-resident and extensive land owner can afford to pay to improve the roads of the county.

The board had not heard from all the township boards at 4 o'clock and so could not complete the levy. In general the levies made for general purposes were about the same as last year. Humboldt rather general from \$1 to \$2 cents, and others slightly increased or decreased. The county road will probably be about three mills. No action has been taken on the court house levy and none on the Iola city levy, the council not yet having reported. A committee is at work and tomorrow night some decision may be reached. Last year the city general was 75 cents on the hundred. This year the valuation is about \$50,000 higher and the general levy will probably go up too.

Tuesday the board drove out to the county poor farm to see how it is getting along and in the afternoon several important bridge petitions and bridge matters that have already been considered came up.

Tuesday afternoon the county commissioners devoted to opening bids for the construction of the proposed new bridge over the Marmaton river north of Moran, a bridge long wanted, and recently allowed. The board had fixed the limit on the cost at \$1,400 and the Iola Concrete Company bid that price for the entire structure. It was let to other parties by piece meal, however. Fisher & Rhodes, of Humboldt, got the contract for the approaches, bidding \$3.60 for the abutments and \$2.80 for the wings, per cubic yard. The Midland Bridge Company, of Kansas City, secured the contract for the bridge proper at \$54.50.

The board ordered that the taxes assessed against the two lots where the new Methodist church stands be refunded.

A communication from the M. K. & T. informed the board that the court had sold for taxes in 1892 and 1897 lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in block 32 in Moran, whereas these lots are really part of the right-of-way of the Katy and taxed by the State board. The tax was ordered remitted.

No further business coming before the board adjourned.

New Train Is No Huff.

Local agent B. E. Allison, of the Missouri Pacific, resents the idea that the talk of a new passenger train on his road is hot air talk. "The plan for double service on this line has been talked over for six months and has been approved by all the traveling road officials of this department and by the head office. But we can't get equipment. Remember that Mr. Crouch waited four months for a car of road spikes and then you may know the situation in every department of the iron and steel industry. Our road wants lots of cars and engines but can not get them and at several places we are using passenger engines to haul freight. As soon as the road can get the equipment the new train will be put on."

And that sounds reasonable and good.

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MISSOURI PACIFIC PLANS

Will Build Into Arkansas Zinc Field and Have Direct Line to Iola and the Smelters Here

The importance which Allen county with her gas has assumed in the industrial world is illustrated in no better way than by the activity among huge railroad systems to so lay their nets as to catch some of the immense traffic which they foresee in the future. The Katy is building here from Moran to give her a line from the ore fields to the gas center and the Missouri Pacific is now said to be extending its lines into the new Arkansas zinc field in such a way as to tap them and the Joplin district and have a straight haul to Iola.

This new move is told by the Fort Scott Tribune as follows:

A plan of the Missouri Pacific railway company which seems to contemplate one of the biggest industries of this part of the country was announced in this city today by Railroad Contractor B. H. Riley, who is now on the construction of the Missouri Pacific cut-off at Boonville, and who was here looking for men to work on the Boonville extension. The plan is to construct a line of road through the heart of the Arkansas mineral lands to Webb City, Mo., where it will connect with the Missouri Pacific, and come up over the Fort Scott & Southern. The idea is to have the only line of railroad directly from the immense mineral fields of Arkansas to the Iola smelters. Mr. Riley had a chart showing the route of this line and says the large force of men now employed at Boonville will go onto the Arkansas line immediately upon the completion of the Boonville cut-off and that the new road must be completed by a year from next September. It will be noticed that this line would pass not only through the Arkansas mineral fields, but also through the Joplin and Claiborne districts and would make the largest ore shipping line in country. Another plan for the future is the extension of the road south from Batesville to Memphis on a line that would give the Pacific a route to New Orleans 100 miles shorter than the Memphis line.

EXTENDS WATER MAINS

Council Plans to Improve Service—Other Matters of General Interest.

The city council met Tuesday pursuant to adjournment with all members present save Creighton.

Grant Billbee was given permission to erect a building on part of lot 15, block 57. The room is a small building, 5x18 feet, for an office.

The request of George P. Hill for \$4.00 in payment of loss by breaking a wheel on East street was refused. Mr. Hill met a rig in the narrows north of W. H. Richard's home and was forced into the Electric ditch, breaking his cart wheel.

The report of police judge of fines collected for July was read and referred to a committee. The sum collected was \$332.

A motion for extending water mains carried. The proposed extension is for a 6-inch main connecting with the East street line, running north on First street to Lincoln, west on Lincoln to Buckeye, and south on Buckeye to connect with main on East Douglas. The work to be done as soon as the city can satisfactorily arrange to pay for it.

It was moved by Walker and seconded by Ferguson that the Finance committee negotiate a loan to be paid on or before five years and to bear not over 6 per cent interest to pay for making the above extension.

The clerk was instructed to notify the Iola Telephone Company to file its semi-annual statement of business done, as required by ordinance. Notice is to be sent to the Iola Gas Company also.

The street commissioner was empowered to employ a man to help collect poll tax. It was carried that payment of \$1.50 cash should be accepted in place of the two days labor required.

Ordinance No. 450, prescribing the limits within which only fire-proof buildings shall be erected and imposing a penalty for its violation was passed.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that any franchise coming before the council shall be referred to the proper committee which shall report in not less than two days. This is to stop hasty action on such important matters.

On motion the street commissioner was instructed to inform property owners on East Madison between South and Jefferson that the city will not replace stone gutters.

On motion council adjourned to meet Saturday, August 10.

The Abilene Reflector recalls that the manager of the K. C. Journal got his start in journalism helping his father keep a lively stable clean in Abilene 30 years ago.

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CUT WITH A KNIFE

Drunk Row on West Street Ends in A. T. Averet Getting Slashed by John Leonard.

Monday afternoon there was a row on West street but the police appeared and thought they settled it by stopping the loud talk and scattered the crowd. It soon broke out again and officers Brewer and Gregg returned to the scene to find a free-for-all fight in progress the air full of bricks and cuss words, and one man suffering from a cut in the back.

Patty Hapt and Ed Murphy were arrested for fighting and A. T. Averet pleaded guilty to the same charge. John Leonard was accused of fighting and cutting Averet.

The row started over a meal. One young fellow asked another to eat with him. Number two asked a third and when the bill for the three was presented number one refused to pay for number three's meal. All were more or less drunk and words followed. Bystanders interfered and then the bystanders mixed up. Leonard struck Averet and the latter started after him with brick bats. Leonard then hitting Averet in the back with a knife. The cut was only a flesh wound, the knife glancing on the point of the scapula. Dr. Chastain took several stitches in it and Averet was out to-day.

Hayt says Leonard is his brother-in-law and he only interfered when he saw several picking onto his relative. He rushed in and Ed Murphy struck him in the face. He grabbed Murphy's hand the police came in and grabbed him for fighting. Murphy said he was trying to stop Leonard from making mince meat of Averet and Hayt grabbed and held him. Both pleaded no guilty.

John Leonard, the man who stuck a knife into the back of young Averet during a fight on West street Monday, was found guilty by Judge Cullison at the trial Tuesday and fined \$25 and \$3.00 costs. Leonard pleaded not guilty and no knife was found upon him, but the testimony of the others

engaged in the row tended to show that he was putting up a desperate fight and that in no other way could the cut have been inflicted. It was a simple matter for a man of Leonard's experience to get rid of the knife before he was searched in the court room.

Dedicate M. E. Church August 25.
It had not been intended to dedicate the handsome new Methodist church until perhaps along in October, but sudden necessity has determined the board to push the building to completion and hold the dedicating services on August 25. Bishop L. W. Joyce, D. L. D., of Indianapolis, had agreed to be present and officiate and word came from him a few days ago that the only date when he could be here is the 25th. The church board met and after consideration decided to hurry the church to completion, interior and exterior even to the walks.

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